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In 1872 Hiram Dorman of Buckeye, W, Va. and living along Swago Creek just below the old McClintic Mill built an Up And Down Saw Mill, getting his power by putting in a Flutter Wheel in Swago Creek.

He sawed logs from the Dorman farm also did custom sawing for the nearby farmers as logs were brought from the head of Dry Creek, Spruce Flats and from the entire Swago Community, these were brought in by wagons drawn by both horses and Oxen, they would bring in a load of logs and take back a load of lumber.

G. Washington Beverage of the head of Dry Creek put in lots of logs, these were mainly Poplar and Yellow Lynn, from this lumber the Rocky-Point School House was built by Beverage.

Wash Beverage, as he was known by was a carpenter and out of the lumber sawed by Dorman on this Up and Down Mill Caskets were made for people of the Swago Community, this furnished a market for some of the lumber as Beverage was called on to furnish most of the Caskets that were used in this section and he received \$ 10.00 for most of them.

In this custom sawing Dorman cut it one half for the other and was kept busy a greater part of the time and continued to operate until 1889 when a flood took his entire outfit out. If my informants are right in which they think they are this flood was the same time as the Johnstown flood 1889, and was never built back.

When sawing steady he would saw from 600 to 1000 feet in a days run, and a great many of the houses of Buckeye and the Swago Community were built from lumber sawed on this mill.

Hiram Dorman-Up and Down Saw Mill.

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This mill being washed out and completely destroyed was greatly missed as at this time lumber was greatly in demand to erect dwellings that were replacing the old log houses that had served their day.

Information-G.D McNeill Buckeye.W,Va.

W.G McKeever " "

Nancy A McNeill " "

Mr And Mrs A.W McNeill " "

J.B Buckley " "

Upon my visit to the Buckley home, and talking with John the father who is 78 years old and with his son's William and Jay they being the decendants of one of the first settlers of the ^{Buckeye Community} then John B Buckley born February 22 1774 and one of the large land owners ^{in this section.} they told me that before 1800 there was a Whip Saw operation in the Buckley Mountains and today they say you can see ~~the~~ where the pitt was dug out and the ridge where this took place is known as Saw Pit Ridge in the Buckley Mountains.

Information -John B Buckley, Buckeye,W,Va.

Jay " " "

William " " "

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About 1911 Marcellus Dorman of Beard. W. Va put in an Up & Down sawmill on the bank of the Greenbrier River across from Beard on the Dorman farm, this mill was driven by a steam boiler, Dorman did custom sawing for the farmers in and about Beard as well as the sawing he did for himself which was used in the buildings on the Dorman farm, sawed for Jake Allman a nearby farmer had a barn bill sawed on this up & down mill of Dormans.

Dorman learned the sawmill trade from his father Hiram Dorman who had an up & down mill on Swago Creek when Marcellus was a boy they having sold out on Swago Creek and located at Beard.

The mill at Beard run off and on for several years and today you can see where it was and some of the pieces of machinery are still there.

Information. Winters Cochran. Beard. W. Va.

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